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BOTH ARMIES STRIKING HARD BLOWS IN EFFORT TO SMASH OPPOSING LINES

CARRANZA ADMITS **GRAVE SITUATION** EXISTS IN MEXICO

Predicts Further Fighting As Result of Rupture With Villa.

WILL DENY BLAME FOR ANY MORE BLOODSHED

Zapata Is Working in Harmony With Former Rebel Chief.

SUPPORTED BY EX-FEDERALS

American Government Awaits Developments Before Taking Any Steps.

WASHINGTON, September 26.—General Carranza to-day predicted further fighting in Mexico, according to official advices to the State Department. The first chief explained to diplomats, who gathered at his request, that Zapata had refused to attend or send delegates to the national convention called for October 1, and that his forces were active in the south. He also described events leading up to the rupture with General Villa, saying the blame for further bloodshed would be Villa's, as his own troops would act only on the defensive.

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Official information has come to the Washington government from General Funston and others that Zapata and Villa are working in harmony against Carranza and expect the support of former Federals. One of Villa's chief demands has been that certain officers who supported Huerta be taken into the new national army, but Carranza has given such officers no guarantees. Already it has been reported that Francisco Carbajal, former Provisional President, and General Felix Diaz are ready to support Villa.

General Hugh Scott, assistant chief of staff of the army, and formerly in command on the Mexican border, has received a pathetic letter in this connection from General Francisco Castro, the aged general just released with Mexican Federal troops who crossed the border after the battle of Olinaga and were interned in Texas. Gen. Castro wrote that after forty years' service in the Mexican army, during which he worked hard to gain, every promotion, and has not a blot on his record, he now found himself barred from the army of his country.

AWAIFING A CLEARER

AWAPPING A CLEARER VIEW OF SITUATION The American government has taken no steps as yet to mend the situation, awaiting a clearer definition of the situation. Rear-Admiral Fletcher, commander of the Atlantic Fleet, has recommended that four battleships be retained temporarily in Mexican waters, while the remainder of the fleet goes north for target practice.

The opinion is now general that American troops will not be withdrawn until the Villa-Carranza controversy is adjusted.

The following report from General Function was received to-day:
"One of the two wires of the cable company to Mexico City is working.



The Prince of Wales - His regiment goes to the war without him

"One of the two wires of the came company to Mexico City is working. The present extent of the damage to the railway (Vera Cruz to Mexico City) is not yet fully known. If the bridges are not destroyed and no resistance is entirely offered, railway officials think they may officials think they may be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could be able to run trains in three or four the could not accompany the first left for the front he was a run trained to the could be able to run trains in three or four the could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three the could be able to the fact that he could not accompany the first left for the front he was a run trained to the could are appeal from the decision rendered by Justice Crutch-bell and three could be a run trained to the front he was a run trained to the fact that he could not accompany the first left for the front he was a run trained to the fact that he could not accompany the first beautiful three or four the could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three could not accompany the first Battalion, Grenadier Guards, his former regiment, and three could not accompany the first Battalion of the could not accompany to the could not accompany the first Battalion of the could not a

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The Prince's Regiment-The Grenadier Guards on the way to embork for the wor zone -Seeing daddy off to the front! The wife of one of the soldiers of the First Battalion, Grenadier Guards, and their young son accompanying him with his outfit to the Waterloo station, where they entrained for the war zone. This is the outfit to which the Prince of Wales formerly belonged. LEO M. KIDD GIVEN RUSSIAN FORCES REVOLT IN PARTY SIX MONTHS IN JAIL CONTINUE ADVANCE

Annihilate More Than Half of Austrian Army.

Kidd's Mother and Mother of Przemysl, Most Strongly Forti- Measure Setting Apart \$30,000,fied Railroad Point in Galicia, Invested by Cossacks.

Leo M. Kidd was yesterday held guilty of involuntary manslaughter, in causing the death of Miss Pauline V thorpe, 1026 South Randolph Street during the early morning hours of September 11 by speeding his automobile along Grace Street and colliding with a taxleab of the Richmond Transfer Company. The young man, who has been

slaughter-of Pauline

V. Thorpe.

Girl Sit Side by Side

in Court.

Convicted of Involuntary Man- In Three Great Battles Almost Violent Protest by Democrats Against Appropriation for Merchant Marine.

APPEALS TO HUSTINGS COURT THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS TRY TO DEFEAT SPECIAL RULE

000 to Aid Commerce De-

Russians Now Within 75 Miles of Cracow

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETROGRAD, September 26.—The
Russians are within seventy-five
miles of Cracow. All the rallway
lines leading toward Vieuna, lindapest and Cracow are controlled by
the Russians. Przemysi is com-

BEST WAY TO BALTIMORE. York River Line, 5:10 P. M. \$2.50 one way: 44 and \$1.50 wound trip, Delightful sail.

nounced as Unnecessary.

WASHINGTON, September 26.—A violent protest against the merchant marine bill, providing for a purchase of a \$30,000,000 ship line by the government, has sprung up in the corridors and lobbies of the House, and the Democrats who have supported the administration on every other point are openly declaring to-day that this measure never will have their votes. The prediction of nearly every Democrat who is opposed to the bill is that no one will have a chance to vote on

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VIOLENT BATTLE NOW IN PROGRESS FOR THREE DAYS

Hills and Plains Between Rivers Oise and Somme Scene of Death Grapple.

SOME ADVANCE IS MADE BY EACH SIDE IN FIGHT

Germans Apparently Satisfied to Remain on Defensive for

FRENCH RIGHT ON OFFENSIVE

No Change in Situation From Soissons to Rheims and Then to Vertinn.

Striving to Force Each Other Back

The territory between the filvers somme and Oise is the scene of the fiercest buttle along the great front in Northern France, where the tiernuans and allies have been striving for two weeks to force each other back. This ground includes the French left wing, which has thrown tremendous forces against the tiernuan tieneral von Kluck's reinforced army in an endenvor to outflank him.

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The French official report describes this struggle as a violent one, and announces that the allled froops have made a slight advance.

In the Woever region the French also report some gain, but describes the situation on the keights of the Reuse as mechanged. Frior to this, however, the Germans had crossed the River Mense near St. Milhel, in the Woever district, and to some extent, although the French have undertaken a vigorous offensive movement, they have hear able to hold some of the territory they won, doubtless at great loss of life on both slides.

The British official reports are exceedingly mengre in keeping with the determination of the British anthorities to enforce a more rigil censorship. The official press bareau mercily announces made activity an the part of the Germans all along the line, and the repulse of heavy counter-attacks with a considerable loss infleted on the enemy."

The Russian general staff reports a battle between the Russians and Germans in the region of Drusken-kiki, in the government of Suwaiki, Russian-Poland, bordering on Prussia, but gives no details.

The general staff also reports the retirement of the Austrian army vestward on Cracow.

The Netherinads government has declared martial law in the castern provinces, according to a dispatch, to prevent distribution of contrabund of twa to Germany, and at the same

ay will end in the talk and smoke of loakrooms and offices.

Along with the other gossip, a mem—

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RZeczow, an important ranway centre between Tarnow and Przemysl and have captured two fortified positions north and south of the latter fortress. This gives them possession of the whole